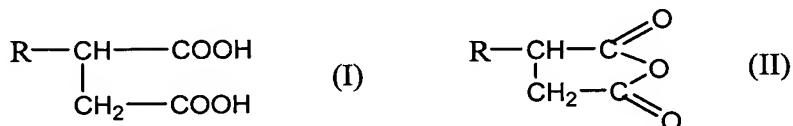


IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-5 (Canceled).

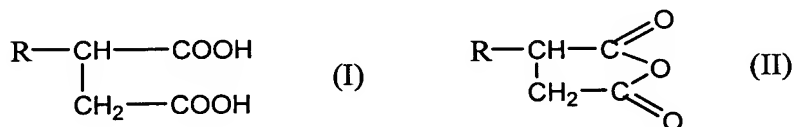
Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A method of promoting acid-neutralization in a cylinder oil for engines of ships, wherein the cylinder oil comprises a lube base oil, and (a) at least one compound selected from the group consisting of overbased sulfonates, phenates and salicylates of alkaline earth metals; the component (a) is present in an amount of from 10 to 40% by weight, based on the total weight of the cylinder oil; and wherein sulfur in said cylinder oil forms SO_x in exhaust gas from said engines, which SO_x reacts with water in said exhaust gas to form sulfuric acid, said method comprising adding to the cylinder oil, ~~as~~ (b) an acid-neutralizing promoter in an amount of from 0.1 to 3% by weight, based on the total weight of the cylinder oil, which promoter comprises a succinimide compound component obtainable by reacting a at least one polyamine having a resulting carbon/nitrogen weight ratio of from 0.85 to 1.25 with a succinic acid compound of the following general formula (I) or (II) in a molar ratio to the polyamine of up to 1.40:



wherein R represents an alkenyl or alkyl group derived from an olefinic polymer having a carbon number of from 2 to 15 and having a number-average molecular weight of from ~~200 to 4,000~~ 700 to 2,300, and wherein the cylinder oil has a total base number of from 40 to 100 mg-KOH/g.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A method comprising lubricating a ship engine with a cylinder oil, wherein the cylinder oil comprises a lube base oil, (a) at least one compound selected from the group consisting of overbased sulfonates, phenates and salicylates of

alkaline earth metals, and (b) an acid-neutralizing promoter, and which cylinder oil has a total base number of from 40 to 100 mg-KOH/g; the component (a) is present in an amount of from 10 to 40% by weight and the component (b) is present in an amount of from 0.1 to 3% by weight, based on the total weight of the cylinder oil, containing an wherein the acid-neutralizing promoter ~~made of~~ comprises a succinimide compound component obtainable by reacting a at least one polyamine having a resulting carbon/nitrogen weight ratio of from 0.85 to 1.25 with a succinic acid compound of the following general formula (I) or (II) in a molar ratio to the polyamine of up to 1.40:



wherein R represents an alkenyl or alkyl group derived from an olefinic polymer having a carbon number of from 2 to 15 and having a number-average molecular weight of from ~~200 to 4,000~~ 700 to 2,300.

Claims 8-9 (Canceled).

Claim 10 (New): The method of Claim 6, wherein the polyamine is diethylene triamine.

Claim 11 (New): The method of Claim 6, wherein the polyamine is a combination of 50 mol% of diethylene triamine and 50 mol% of triethylene tetramine.

Claim 12 (New): The method of Claim 6, wherein the polyamine is ethylene diamine.

Claim 13 (New): The method of Claim 7, wherein the polyamine is diethylene triamine.

Claim 14 (New): The method of Claim 7, wherein the polyamine is a combination of 50 mol% of diethylene triamine and 50 mol% of triethylene tetramine.

Claim 15 (New): The method of Claim 7, wherein the polyamine is ethylene diamine.

DISCUSSION OF THE AMENDMENT

Claims 6 and 7 have each been amended by incorporating the subject matter of Claims 8 and 9 therein, except that the total base number is narrower, as supported in the specification at page 12, lines 4-5, and the lower amount endpoint of component (a) is 10% by weight, as supported in the specification at page 11, line 1, and the number-average molecular weight range from R is narrowed as supported in the specification at page 6, line 8. Claims 6 and 7 have also been amended by changing "succinimide compound" to --succinimide component-- (since it may be derived from a mixture of polyamines), and by inserting --at least one-- (in place of "a") polyamine having a --resulting-- carbon/nitrogen weight ratio, as supported in the specification at page 5, lines 8-11 and Example 3. Claims 8 and 9 have been canceled.

Claims 10-12 have been added, dependent on Claim 6, and limited to the particular polyamines as disclosed in Examples 1 or 2, 3 and 4, respectively. New Claims 13-15 are analogous to Claims 10-12, respectively, but depend on Claim 7.

No new matter has been added by the above amendment. Claims 6, 7, and 10-15 are now pending in the application.